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SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I'm saying, since you're lifting language from an existing statute, and that language may have a history, then I will take that language and put it into this amendment that you're offering. And if there are two expressions of an authority, I take the language that most narrowly describes it.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that's what I would do. And then, in line 3...are you looking at your...and I'm looking in the Journal, so it might be at a different spot. But in line 3, where it talks about delegating the authority, after the word "authority", I would want to insert the word "only", so that this is the only person to whom that authority could be delegated. And it would read, "The Director of Health and Human Services shall have the authority and may delegate the authority only to the Juvenile Services Director". What about that?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I would support that 100 percent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I'm going to put both of those in one amendment. So I'm going to.... Did you yield time to me, or am I.... Oh, I'm on my own time. I'm going to yield my time to Senator Pedersen.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pedersen, you have three minutes left.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I only need about 20 seconds because I do accept what Senator Chambers is doing. But I'll try and talk for a while, until Senator Chambers can get his amendment done. Putting the "only" in there was what I was told when the Health and Human Services came and asked me if I would carry this amendment, that it would only be to the Director of Health and Social Services now, who would be, in my understanding, Jessie Rasmussen, and she could delegate that authority only to the Director of Juvenile Services, who is presently John Hill, so that only them two people would have that authority to issue or authorize the issuance of a warrant. Again, it's not the same thing as an arrest. A warrant is just the authorization to arrest somebody, unless they're breaking the law and then a peace officer can arrest without that. If there's any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them for you. Sing a